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## **1. Purpose**

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the process for the loading of common data elements (CDEs) into NCICB's clinical data management system.

## **2. Scope**

- 2.1 This SOP will be used for the loading of all CDE's for clinical trials research covered under the caBIG™ Program and sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- 2.2 This SOP applies to the electronic loading of CDEs from the Cancer Data Standards Repository (caDSR).

## **3. Requirements**

- 3.1 CDEs must remain in the predefined format as represented in the caDSR Repository.
- 3.2 The CDE electronic file located in the CDE Staging area from a previous data load must be archived.
- 3.3 A documentation trail must be maintained for CDEs loaded electronically into the NCICB clinical data management systems.
- 3.4 Quality control procedures should be applied at every stage of the loading process to assure that all CDE records are reliable and have been processed correctly.
- 3.5 A formal process should be in place to handle: The deletion or back-out of a CDE file that has been loaded incorrectly (either a full or partial load); missing values; or duplicate records.
- 3.6 All staff responsible for filling the roles identified in the Roles and Responsibilities section will receive training on this SOP.

## **4. References/Regulations/Guidelines**

Section	SOP Number	Title
4.1	N/A	CDISC Glossary
4.2	CR-004	SOP for CDE Curation
4.3	N/A	CDE Loader Utility Usage Guide
4.4	N/A	HL7 Working Group. <i>An Application Protocol for Electronic Data Exchange in Healthcare Environments</i> . Health Level Seven, Inc.



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**5. Roles & Responsibilities**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
caDSR Curator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare the CDE load export file.</li></ul>
CDE Loader Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare the CDE file for loading.</li><li>• Prepare the application's standards library for load.</li><li>• Perform the technical load of the CDE file into the clinical data management application's standards library.</li></ul>
Help Desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Problem analysis and resolution for issues encountered during the loading process.</li><li>• Refer significant problems to appropriate Loader Technician.</li></ul>
NCICB Applications Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authorize any backing out of data.</li></ul>

**6. Attachments**

This SOP will be used in conjunction with the following attachments. These attachments must be used by all research sites conducting clinical trials under the caBIG™ Program and can be customized by individual research sites to accommodate format and content in accordance with local guidelines and/or requirements.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
1) <a href="#">Procedure Description for Electronic Loading of CDEs under the caBIG™ Program</a>	This document provides instructions for loading CDEs. This procedure also includes load back-out procedures, re-loads and management and resolution of partial load results.
2) <a href="#">CDE Load Check Sheet</a>	This document provides a user friendly checklist for the loading of CDEs.
3) Process Flow for Electronic Loading of CDE's	This document graphically depicts the activities, by role, in performing electronic loading of CDE's.